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Peshkin, et al.) Art Unit: 3653
Serial No.: 09/781,686)
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For: Hub for a Modular Intelligent Assist System)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the Applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies of the references are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103, nor is this submission to be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

CITED REFERENCES

Foreign Patent Documents

No.	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass
1.	WO 98/43911	10/08/98	PCT	B66D	1/00
2.	WO 99/21687	05/06/99	PCT	B25J	9/18
3.	WO 00/46570	08/10/00	PCT	G01B	7/312
4.	WO 01/05697	01/25/01	PCT	B66D	3/22
5.	DE 297 19 865	03/12/98	Germany	B66C	11/00

Other Documents

6. International Search Report for PCT/US02/03997

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF DE 297 19 865

DE 297 19 865 was cited in the International Search Report for a counterpart PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report, which is in English, is submitted along with this non-English language reference. The International Search Report designates DE 297 19 865 as an "X" reference, and it further describes which portions of DE 297 19 865 the International Searching Authority believes to be particularly relevant.

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1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-identified new patent application:
 - Information Disclosure Statement
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449 Form
 - Copies of IDS Citations (5 Foreign Patents and 1 International Search Report)
 - Check in the Amount of \$180.00
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2. **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES:** Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-2490**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "First Class Mail" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 3, 2003.

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